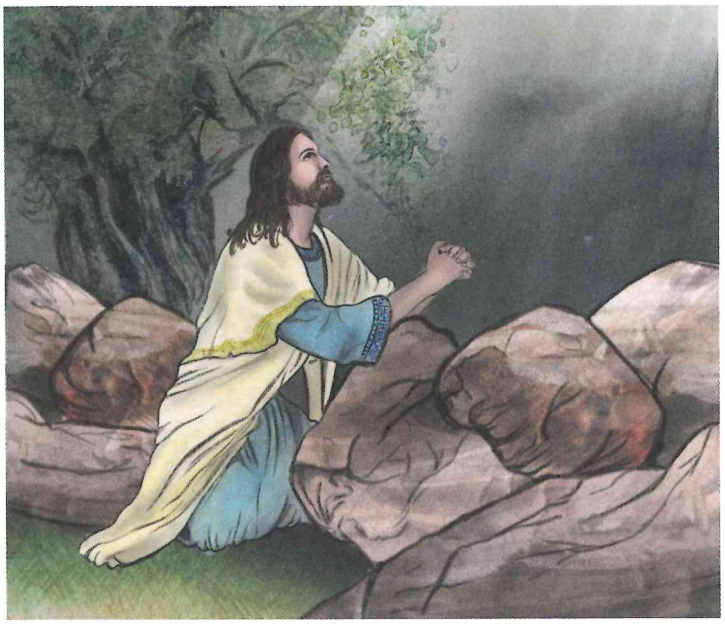


ANTIPHON AT THE ENTRY

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

'If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.' *22:21-27*

Thus says the LORD: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 18(17)

I love you, LORD my strength.
I love you, LORD, my strength;
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. **R.**

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!'
and see, I am saved from my foes. **R.**

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.

'You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.' *1:5c-10*

Brothers and sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The word of the lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.' *22:34-40*

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Sat 24th	4.00 pm	Maureen Myles RIP
Sun 25th	10.30 am	Thomas Dowling RIP
Mon 26th		**NO MASS**
Tues 27th	11.00 am	Lucy Welsh
Wed 28th	10.30 am	Pauline Houghton (4th Anniversary)
Thurs 29th	10.30 am	Maureen Dunne RIP (Birthday)
Fri 30th	9.30 am 10.15 am	Aidan Lawless RIP Vincent Quinn RIP **(Requiem)**
Sat 31st	4.00 pm	Myles & Lloyd Families (Deceased)
Sun 1st	10.30 am	People of the Parish
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £401.51 **SECOND COLLECTION: £166.49 (APF)**		

25th October 2026: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEASTS:
Wednesday Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)
Sunday **Solemnity of All Saints**

Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)

Altar Lamp – Myles & Garvey Families Deceased
Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish

RECENTLY DEAD: Vincent Quinn RIP. Requiem Mass Friday 30th, 10.15 am.

ANNIVERSARIES: Cyril McGrady, Veronica Hunter, Michael Farrell, Maureen O'Reilly, Cynthia Conway, Reginald McVicker, Lazerian Amond, Denis Ryan, Martin Furey, Mary Collins, John Memory, Angela Amor, Maureen Myles, Thomas Darby, Mary Crampsie, John Churchill, Jean Howe, Frank Bero, Kevin Mayer, Brian Donoghue, Karen O'Reilly, Andrew Kennedy, Catherine Wale, Michael Fox, Ann Allen, James Madden, Margaret Richards, Thomas Dignan, Julia Rooney, Angela Ryan, Rudi Flix.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Eileen Carter, Dennis Moloney, Josephine Mary Doyle, Eddie Dunne.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

SECOND COLLECTION: Church Maintenance. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Johnson Association (retired and infirm clergy)

HOLY SOULS: Please find slips at the back of the Church where you may write the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered in Masses during the month of November. Please return the slips to the basket provided. Thank you.

RCIA PROGRAMME: If you are enquiring about the Catholic faith or know someone interested in this programme, please see Father Fretch. Thank you.

WOULD THE PARISHIONER USING GIFT AID ENVELOPE NO. 35. PLEASE SEE MAY. THANK YOU.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Our annual Bazaar will take place on Saturday 5th December 2026 in Holy Family School Hall. Bottles, New/Nearly New gifts are greatly appreciated. There will also be a Raffle – tickets will be available later.

FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL – Visit the National Office for Vocations at www.ukvocation.org or www.religiouslife.org or www.ukpriest.org

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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